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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Jon C. Taenzer

Serial No.: 09/610,188

Filed: July 5, 2000

For: Improved Directional Microphone
System

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) Confirmation No.: 5001

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) Group Art Unit: 2644

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) Examiner: Pendleton, Brian T.

RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response (4 pages) to Office Action, mailed December 2, 2004, for the above-identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2518, Docket No. 2023796-7036172001.

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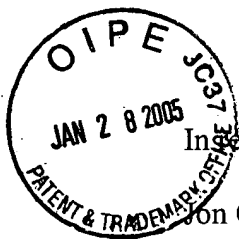
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Dear Sir:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004. Claims 1-35 remain pending in this application, and have not been amended. Based on the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §103

Allen and Killion

Claims 1-8, 11-17, 20-24, 27-31, and 35 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,848,172 ("Allen") and U.S. Patent No. 6,327,370 ("Killion").

Without acquiescing that Killion is a §102(e) prior art reference, and without prejudice to antedate this reference should it become necessary, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, since neither of Allen nor Killion, alone or in combination, discloses, teaches or suggests the combination of elements required by these claims.